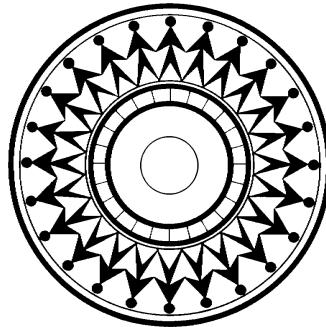


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Purpose of the 1997 User's Guide Supplement

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 1997* is intended for use with the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) User's Guide and Codebook*. The *User's Guide* contains a general overview of the AFCARS project and detailed descriptions of the variables contained in the adoption and foster care files. This *Supplement* contains information specific to the 1997 version 1 AFCARS datasets, *AD1997v1* and *FC1997v1*. There are six sections presented in the following order:

- a table indicating whether a state submitted data in the years 1995 through 1999
- a table of adoption and foster care record counts for the 1997 v1 files
- counts of adoption and foster care variables by state in the 1997 v1 files
- a listing of the geographic FIPS codes included in the 1997 v1 foster care dataset
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states
- additional data considerations, if any, conclude the document

History of State Adoption Submissions to AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995; it was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. Data submitted prior to 1998 were often partial and incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted adoption data. Please note that a black square in a cell below does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records.

States That Submitted Adoption Data By Year

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Alabama				■	■
Alaska				■	■
Arizona	■	■	■	■	■
Arkansas	■	■	■	■	■
California	■	■	■	■	■
Colorado	■	■	■	■	■
Connecticut			■	■	■
Delaware	■	■	■	■	■
District of Columbia	■	■	■	■	■
Florida	■	■	■	■	■
Georgia	■	■	■	■	■
Hawaii		■	■	■	■
Idaho	■	■	■	■	■
Illinois	■	■	■	■	■
Indiana	■	■	■	■	■
Iowa	■	■	■	■	■
Kansas			■	■	■
Kentucky	■	■	■	■	■
Louisiana		■	■	■	■
Maine	■	■	■	■	■
Maryland	■	■	■	■	■
Massachusetts	■	■	■	■	■
Michigan				■	■
Minnesota	■	■	■	■	■
Mississippi	■	■	■	■	■
Missouri				■	■

States That Submitted Adoption Data By Year (continued)

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Montana		■	■	■	■
Nebraska		■	■	■	■
Nevada			■	■	■
New Hampshire				■	■
New Jersey	■	■	■	■	■
New Mexico	■	■	■	■	■
New York			■	■	■
North Carolina	■	■	■	■	■
North Dakota			■	■	■
Ohio	■	■	■	■	■
Oklahoma	■	■	■	■	■
Oregon	■	■	■	■	■
Pennsylvania		■	■	■	■
Rhode Island	■	■	■	■	■
South Carolina				■	■
South Dakota	■	■	■	■	■
Tennessee	■	■	■	■	■
Texas	■	■	■	■	■
Utah	■	■	■	■	■
Vermont	■	■	■	■	■
Virginia				■	■
Washington		■	■	■	■
West Virginia				■	■
Wisconsin	■	■	■	■	■
Wyoming				■	■
Puerto Rico		■	■	■	■

History of State Foster Care Submissions to AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995; it was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. After 1998 some states were excluded from the annual datasets either because they did not make the three required data submissions or the data were of insufficient quality to be usable. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted usable foster care data. Please note that a black square in a cell does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records. The number of records in each state's files is contained in the *State Records Counts Table* for the year.

States With Usable Foster Care Data By Year

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Alabama				■	■
Alaska	■	■	■		
Arizona	■			■	■
Arkansas		■		■	■
California	■	■	■	■	■
Colorado		■	■	■	■
Connecticut				■	■
Delaware				■	■
District of Columbia		■		■	■
Florida		■	■	■	■
Georgia			■	■	■
Hawaii			■	■	■
Idaho	■			■	■
Illinois	■	■	■	■	■
Indiana				■	■
Iowa				■	■
Kansas				■	■
Kentucky	■				■
Louisiana			■	■	■
Maine		■	■	■	■
Maryland			■	■	■
Massachusetts	■	■	■		■
Michigan					
Minnesota				■	■

States With Usable Foster Care Data By Year (continued)

State	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Mississippi		■		■	■
Missouri				■	■
Montana			■	■	■
Nebraska					■
Nevada					
New Hampshire					■
New Jersey	■	■	■	■	■
New Mexico	■			■	■
New York				■	■
North Carolina		■	■	■	■
North Dakota			■	■	■
Ohio	■				■
Oklahoma			■	■	■
Oregon				■	■
Pennsylvania				■	■
Rhode Island	■	■		■	■
South Carolina	■	■		■	■
South Dakota					■
Tennessee					■
Texas				■	■
Utah	■	■		■	■
Vermont	■	■	■	■	■
Virginia				■	■
Washington		■	■	■	■
West Virginia				■	■
Wisconsin				■	■
Wyoming				■	■
Puerto Rico				■	■

1997 v1 Unduplicated Record Counts

States submit data to AFCARS twice a year; the first reporting period ends April 30 and the second September 30. Prior to each annual release, the Children's Bureau combines submissions for the two reporting periods and removes duplicate records. The table that follows lists the number of adoption and foster care records contained in the unduplicated annual 1997 v1 files by state. Users may obtain the duplicates for the adoption file database upon request.

1997 State Record Counts

State	Adoption Records	Foster Care Records
Alabama		
Alaska		2,452
Arizona	238	
Arkansas	64	
California	2,910	148,323
Colorado	653	11,969
Connecticut	125	
Delaware	22	
District of Columbia	95	
Florida	987	32,801
Georgia	242	15,371
Hawaii	176	3,342
Idaho	37	
Illinois	2,695	63,186
Indiana	18	
Iowa	173	
Kansas	63	
Kentucky	855	
Louisiana	59	8,351
Maine	95	4,389
Maryland	373	17,021
Massachusetts	1,152	19,282
Michigan		
Minnesota	301	
Mississippi	104	
Missouri		
Montana	148	3,392
Nebraska	124	
Nevada	102	
New Hampshire		
New Jersey	581	13,438
New Mexico	62	

1997 State Record Counts (continued)

State	Adoption Records	Foster Care Records
New York	5,000	
North Carolina	272	16,156
North Dakota	31	1,339
Ohio	1,050	
Oklahoma	383	10,837
Oregon	441	
Pennsylvania	709	
Rhode Island	207	
South Carolina		
South Dakota	26	
Tennessee	197	
Texas	9	
Utah	159	
Vermont	196	1,937
Virginia		
Washington	662	16,895
West Virginia		
Wisconsin	674	
Wyoming		
Puerto Rico	208	

1997 v1 Adoption Variable Counts By State

The first column in the following table contains the names of the variables in the adoption file. Please refer to the *AFCARS User's Guide and Codebook* for more information about specific variables. Subsequent columns contain the number of records with non-missing values for the variable in the state identified in the column heading. The first row, which appears in bold, indicates the maximum number of records for the state. Reviewing the table before attempting an AFCARS analysis can be useful. For example, looking down Florida's column, it is apparent that the state did not submit information about the mother's year of birth (DOBYRMOM) in 1997.

1997 Adoption Variable Counts by State
Arizona Through Georgia

	AZ	AR	CA	CO	CT	DE	DC	FL	GA
<i>No. of Records</i>	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
REPDATYR	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
REPDATMO	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
AGNYINVL	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
DOBYR	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
DOBMO	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
SEX	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
RACE	238	64	2,910	562	116	22	91	987	239
HISORGIN	238	64	2,910	456	102	22	95	372	242
AGYSPNDS	238	64	2,910	445	125	22	95	987	241
BASSPNDS	238	64	2,910	298	125	22	95	987	240
MR	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
VISHEAR	238	64	2,910	385	125	22	95	0	242
PHYDIS	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
DSMIH	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
OTHRMED	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
DOBYRMOM	234	22	2,842	87	0	22	38	0	21
DOBYRDAD	22	0	2,019	77	0	21	3	0	14
MOMARRD	238	64	2,910	99	125	22	94	0	242
TPRMOMYR	236	52	2,910	85	93	21	39	0	227
TPRMOMO	236	52	2,910	85	93	21	39	0	227
TPRMOMDA	236	52	2,910	85	93	21	39	0	227
TRPDADYR	223	38	2,888	83	77	21	39	0	42
TRPDADMO	223	38	2,888	83	77	21	39	0	42
TRPDADDA	223	38	2,888	83	77	21	39	0	42
FINADPYR	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
FINADPMO	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
FINADPDA	238	64	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	242
ADPFAMST	219	63	2,910	340	0	22	77	0	203
ADMOMYR	217	63	2,845	295	93	21	74	0	210
ADDADYR	177	0	2,286	225	67	18	40	0	157
AMOMRACE	238	64	2,910	250	119	22	76	987	227
HOMOM	238	64	2,910	219	111	22	76	987	227
ADADRACE	238	64	2,910	196	121	22	43	987	227
HODAD	238	64	2,910	184	110	22	43	987	227
STPARENT	238	64	2,910	75	125	22	95	456	242
OTHEREL	238	64	2,910	75	125	22	95	456	242
FOSPARCH	238	64	2,910	75	125	22	95	987	242
NONREL	238	64	2,910	75	125	22	95	456	242
CHPLDFRM	238	57	2,910	653	125	22	95	0	242
CHPLDBY	238	60	2,910	653	121	22	95	987	242
MONSUBSY	238	61	2,910	591	125	22	92	987	218
MONAMNT	211	59	2,910	169	125	22	95	987	218
IVEAA	230	50	2,910	653	125	22	95	987	218

1997 Adoption Variable Counts by State
Hawaii Through Maine

<i>No. of Records</i>	HI	ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY	LA	ME
<i>REPDATYR</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>REPDATMO</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>AGNYINVL</i>	176	37	2,695	0	173	63	855	59	95
<i>DOBYR</i>	176	37	2,695	0	172	63	853	59	95
<i>DOBMO</i>	176	37	2,695	18	172	63	853	59	95
<i>SEX</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	845	59	95
<i>RACE</i>	172	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>HISORGIN</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>AGYSPNDS</i>	169	37	2,695	18	173	63	737	59	0
<i>BASSPNDS</i>	120	18	2,695	0	173	63	855	59	0
<i>MR</i>	176	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>VISHEAR</i>	176	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>PHYDIS</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>DSMIH</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>OTHRMED</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>DOBYRMOM</i>	131	7	1,746	0	154	27	603	40	0
<i>DOBYRDAD</i>	68	14	492	0	114	24	306	14	0
<i>MOMARRD</i>	106	18	2,695	0	173	63	775	10	95
<i>TPRMOMYR</i>	135	6	1,855	0	168	63	349	24	0
<i>TPRMOMO</i>	135	6	1,855	0	168	63	349	24	0
<i>TPRMOMDA</i>	135	6	1,855	0	168	63	349	24	0
<i>TRPDADYR</i>	120	8	1,848	0	170	63	403	13	0
<i>TRPDADMO</i>	120	8	1,848	0	170	63	403	13	0
<i>TRPDADDA</i>	120	8	1,848	0	170	63	403	13	0
<i>FINADPYR</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>FINADPMO</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>FINADPDA</i>	176	37	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>ADPFAMST</i>	142	13	473	18	158	3	854	18	93
<i>ADMOMYR</i>	99	13	347	0	167	3	767	15	90
<i>ADDADYR</i>	84	13	232	0	158	3	769	11	5
<i>AMOMRACE</i>	99	18	475	0	169	63	855	18	94
<i>HOMOM</i>	114	18	492	0	169	63	854	18	94
<i>ADADRACE</i>	90	18	469	0	158	63	855	14	8
<i>HODAD</i>	97	18	492	0	158	63	855	14	8
<i>STPARENT</i>	134	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>OTHEREL</i>	153	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>FOSPARCH</i>	142	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>NONREL</i>	134	18	2,695	18	173	63	855	59	95
<i>CHPLDFRM</i>	167	18	2,695	18	173	63	848	59	0
<i>CHPLDBY</i>	167	2	2,695	17	173	63	847	59	0
<i>MONSUBSY</i>	176	24	2,695	0	173	59	855	59	94
<i>MONAMNT</i>	176	37	2,675	0	155	63	855	56	75
<i>IVEAA</i>	175	37	2,695	0	173	63	855	59	95

**1997 Adoption Variable Counts by State
Maryland Through New Mexico**

	MD	MA	MN	MS	MT	NE	NV	NJ	NM
<i>No. of Records</i>	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
REPDATYR	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
REPDATMO	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
AGNYINVL	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
DOBYR	373	1,151	301	103	148	124	102	581	62
DOBMO	373	1,151	301	103	148	124	102	581	62
SEX	373	1,139	301	103	148	124	102	581	62
RACE	368	1,129	301	103	146	124	94	581	36
HISORGIN	373	1,151	301	104	146	124	8	581	62
AGYSPNDS	373	124	301	103	148	124	102	581	0
BASSPNDS	373	124	301	101	146	124	102	581	0
MR	373	124	301	67	148	124	102	581	0
VISHEAR	373	124	301	67	148	124	0	581	0
PHYDIS	373	124	301	67	148	124	102	581	0
DSMIII	372	124	301	67	148	124	102	581	0
OTHRMED	373	124	301	67	148	124	102	581	0
DOBYRMOM	302	1,052	299	98	112	0	0	574	0
DOBYRDAD	253	825	201	65	65	0	0	547	0
MOMARRD	298	124	301	104	148	124	0	581	0
TPRMOMYR	315	1,112	294	71	148	0	100	581	44
TPRMOMO	315	1,112	294	71	148	0	100	581	44
TPRMOMDA	315	1,112	294	71	148	0	100	581	44
TRPDADYR	313	1,112	226	71	143	0	100	581	46
TPRDADMO	313	1,112	226	71	143	0	100	581	46
TPRDADDA	313	1,112	226	71	143	0	100	581	46
FINADPYR	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
FINADPMO	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
FINADPDA	373	1,152	301	104	148	124	102	581	62
ADPFAMST	323	1,141	301	103	146	76	0	580	0
ADMOMYR	297	1,107	291	101	137	0	0	564	59
ADDADYR	213	715	227	81	125	0	0	350	53
AMOMRACE	320	1,149	301	68	130	0	0	581	42
HOMOM	309	1,152	301	103	130	0	0	581	62
ADADRACE	314	1,110	301	101	125	0	0	581	47
HODAD	307	1,152	301	103	125	0	0	581	62
STPARENT	321	124	301	103	148	124	0	581	0
OTHEREL	321	1,111	301	103	148	124	0	581	62
FOSPARCH	323	1,111	301	104	148	124	0	581	62
NONREL	321	1,111	301	103	148	124	0	581	62
CHPLDFRM	323	989	301	103	148	0	0	581	62
CHPLDBY	322	1,152	301	103	148	0	0	581	62
MONSUBSY	358	1,152	288	103	148	124	4	581	62
MONAMNT	323	124	301	75	148	49	98	577	62
IVEAA	358	124	301	103	148	124	4	581	62

1997 Adoption Variable Counts by State
New York Through South Dakota

	NY	NC	ND	OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SD
<i>No. of Records</i>	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
REPDATYR	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
REPDATMO	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
AGNYINVL	5,000	272	31	1,032	383	441	709	207	25
DOBYR	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	708	206	26
DOBMO	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	708	206	26
SEX	5,000	270	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
RACE	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	179	26
HISORGIN	5,000	255	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
AGYSPNDS	5,000	272	31	1,007	383	441	709	207	0
BASSPNDS	5,000	80	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	0
MR	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	152	0
VISHEAR	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	152	0
PHYDIS	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	152	0
DSMIII	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	152	0
OTHRMED	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	152	0
DOBYRMOM	5,000	216	30	0	322	393	673	3	0
DOBYRDAD	5,000	147	24	0	212	6	238	3	0
MOMARRD	5,000	272	29	1,050	346	339	708	0	0
TPRMOMYR	5,000	233	31	59	361	429	701	129	0
TPRMOMO	5,000	233	31	59	361	429	701	129	0
TPRMOMDA	5,000	233	31	59	361	429	701	129	0
TRPDADYR	5,000	199	31	59	361	288	693	124	0
TPRDADMO	5,000	199	31	59	361	288	693	124	0
TPRDADDA	5,000	199	31	59	361	288	693	124	0
FINADPYR	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
FINADPMO	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
FINADPDA	5,000	272	31	1,050	383	441	709	207	26
ADPFAMST	5,000	272	31	557	383	440	703	158	0
ADMOMYR	5,000	196	30	520	376	395	661	109	0
ADDADYR	5,000	215	29	390	299	347	401	65	0
AMOMRACE	5,000	272	30	1,050	375	429	703	161	0
HOMOM	5,000	272	30	549	376	429	703	207	0
ADADRACE	5,000	272	29	1,050	298	373	703	101	0
HODAD	5,000	272	29	552	299	373	703	191	0
STPARENT	5,000	163	31	0	383	441	709	175	0
OTHEREL	5,000	260	31	0	383	441	709	175	0
FOSPARCH	5,000	260	31	0	383	441	709	175	0
NONREL	5,000	260	31	0	383	441	709	175	0
CHPLDFRM	5,000	258	31	1,050	383	441	705	207	0
CHPLDBY	5,000	260	31	1,050	383	441	705	207	0
MONSUBSY	5,000	272	31	1,039	383	441	705	207	0
MONAMNT	5,000	265	31	1,009	382	430	699	183	1
IVEAA	5,000	272	31	1,039	383	441	705	181	0

1997 Adoption Variable Counts by State
Tennessee Through Puerto Rico

	TN	TX	UT	VT	WA	WI	PR
<i>No. of Records</i>	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
REPDATYR	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
REPDATMO	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
AGNYINVL	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
DOBYR	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
DOBMO	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
SEX	197	9	159	196	661	674	208
RACE	197	9	159	196	662	654	208
HISORGIN	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
AGYSPNDS	197	9	159	196	662	110	208
BASSPNDS	197	9	148	196	662	73	208
MR	197	9	159	196	662	73	208
VISHEAR	197	9	159	196	662	73	208
PHYDIS	197	9	159	196	662	73	208
DSMIII	197	9	159	196	662	73	208
OTHRMED	197	9	159	196	662	73	208
DOBYRMOM	63	5	133	175	626	598	208
DOBYRDAD	93	0	54	116	404	294	208
MOMARRD	197	9	159	172	662	110	208
TPRMOMYR	175	7	151	177	418	382	208
TPRMOMO	175	7	151	177	418	382	208
TPRMOMDA	175	7	151	177	418	382	208
TRPDADYR	174	7	151	177	444	336	208
TPRDADMO	174	7	151	177	444	336	208
TPRDADDA	174	7	151	177	444	336	208
FINADPYR	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
FINADPMO	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
FINADPDA	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
ADPFAMST	189	8	159	196	137	73	208
ADMOMYR	193	6	157	196	516	409	206
ADDADYR	153	4	143	169	361	588	189
AMOMRACE	193	6	159	196	662	403	208
HOMOM	192	6	159	196	662	405	208
ADADRACE	153	6	159	170	662	581	208
HODAD	153	6	159	170	662	586	208
STPARENT	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
OTHEREL	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
FOSPARCH	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
NONREL	197	9	159	196	662	674	208
CHPLDFRM	197	9	159	196	643	674	208
CHPLDBY	196	8	159	196	643	402	208
MONSUBSY	196	9	159	196	662	674	208
MONAMNT	195	9	159	196	662	674	208
IVEAA	194	9	159	196	662	674	208

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The first column in the following table contains the names of the variables in the foster care file. Please refer to the *AFCARS User's Guide and Codebook* for more information about specific variables. Subsequent columns contain the number of records with non-missing values for the variable in the state identified in the column heading. A complete set of a state's variables spans two pages. The first row in the set, which appears in bold, indicates the maximum number of records for the state. Reviewing the table before attempting an AFCARS analysis can be useful. For example, looking down Maine's columns, it is apparent that the state did not submit REM1YR, REM1MO, or REM1DA, that is, the year, month, and day of first removal, in 1997.

**1997 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
Alaska Through Maine**

	AK	CA	CO	FL	GA	HI	IL	LA	ME
<i>No. of Records</i>	2,452	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
REPDATYR	2,452	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
REPDATMO	2,452	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
FIPSCODE	2,452	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
PEDREVYR	635	74,928	6,514	0	13,192	1,832	52,400	6,628	0
PEDREVMO	635	74,928	6,514	0	13,192	1,832	52,400	6,628	0
PEDREVDA	635	74,928	6,514	0	13,192	1,832	52,400	6,628	0
DOBYR	2,452	148,241	11,969	32,801	15,369	3,341	63,186	8,351	4,389
DOBMO	2,452	148,241	11,969	32,801	15,369	3,341	63,186	8,351	4,389
DOBWK	2,452	148,241	11,969	32,801	15,369	3,341	63,186	8,351	4,389
SEX	2,450	148,268	11,969	32,785	15,371	3,335	63,186	8,351	4,389
RACE	2,452	148,323	11,420	32,801	15,370	3,098	63,186	8,351	4,389
HISORGIN	2,452	148,245	10,693	21,170	15,371	3,289	63,186	8,351	4,389
CLINDIS	2,452	148,323	11,881	26	15,371	2,269	63,133	8,351	0
MR	2,452	148,323	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,269	63,186	8,351	4,389
VISHEAR	2,452	148,323	10,257	0	15,371	2,269	63,186	8,351	4,389
PHYDIS	2,452	148,323	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,269	63,186	8,351	4,389
DSMIII	2,452	148,323	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,269	63,186	8,351	4,389
OTHERMED	2,452	148,323	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,269	63,186	8,351	4,389
EVERADPT	2,444	148,323	10,376	0	15,371	1,423	1,201	8,351	4,389
AGEADOPT	2,452	148,323	11,937	0	15,371	1,259	1,201	8,351	0
REMIYR	2,418	133,174	10,343	32,801	15,293	3,342	63,130	8,349	0
REMIMO	2,418	133,174	10,343	32,801	15,293	3,342	63,130	8,349	0
REMIDA	2,418	133,174	10,343	32,801	15,293	3,342	63,130	8,349	0
TOTALREM	2,452	148,202	10,345	32,801	15,252	3,338	63,058	8,349	4,389
DLSTFCYR	842	21,196	2,591	4,173	1,841	807	13,204	1,381	921
DLSTFCMO	842	21,196	2,591	4,173	1,841	807	13,204	1,381	921
DLSTFCDA	842	21,196	2,591	4,173	1,841	807	13,204	1,381	921
LATREMYR	2,374	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
LATREMMO	2,374	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
LATREMDA	2,374	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
REMTRNYR	0	95,647	11,969	0	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	0
REMTRNMO	0	95,647	11,969	0	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	0
REMTRNDA	0	95,647	11,969	0	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	0
CURSETYR	2,447	148,193	11,882	0	15,332	3,302	63,186	8,306	4,375
CURSETMO	2,447	148,193	11,882	0	15,332	3,302	63,186	8,306	4,375
CURSETDA	2,447	148,193	11,882	0	15,332	3,302	63,186	8,306	4,375
NUMPLEP	2,375	147,946	11,840	0	15,283	3,150	63,115	8,306	4,368
MANREM	2,452	148,323	11,967	32,793	15,371	3,019	63,186	8,351	4,386
PHYABUSE	2,452	148,323	11,969	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
SEXABUSE	2,452	148,323	11,959	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
NEGLECT	2,452	148,323	11,958	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
AAPARENT	2,452	148,323	11,944	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
DAPARENT	2,452	148,323	11,942	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0

**1997 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
Alaska Through Maine (cont.)**

	AK	CA	CO	FL	GA	HI	IL	LA	ME
<i>AACHILD</i>	2,452	148,323	11,938	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>DACHILD</i>	2,452	148,323	11,938	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>CHILDIS</i>	2,452	148,323	11,938	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>CHBEHPRB</i>	2,452	148,323	11,937	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>PRTSDIED</i>	2,452	148,323	11,929	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>PRTSJAIL</i>	2,452	148,323	11,929	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>NOCOPE</i>	2,452	148,323	11,929	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>ABANDMNT</i>	2,452	148,323	11,906	32,801	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>RELINQSH</i>	2,452	148,323	10,282	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>HOUSING</i>	2,452	148,323	10,282	0	15,371	2,174	63,186	8,351	0
<i>CURPLSET</i>	2,447	140,612	11,969	31,368	15,323	3,153	59,572	8,351	4,379
<i>PLACEOUT</i>	2,452	148,323	11,969	0	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,379
<i>CASEGOAL</i>	2,452	148,009	11,138	32,801	15,371	3,226	62,938	8,351	4,367
<i>CTKFAMST</i>	2,452	148,135	5,250	0	15,290	1,985	63,186	8,351	0
<i>CTK1YR</i>	0	923	4,052	0	15,256	2,018	43,689	1,717	0
<i>CTK2YR</i>	0	286	1,768	0	5,390	941	15,419	502	0
<i>PRTMOMYR</i>	37	80,555	705	0	2,122	663	8,018	315	0
<i>PRTMOMMO</i>	37	80,555	705	0	2,122	663	8,018	315	0
<i>PRTMOMDA</i>	37	80,555	705	0	2,122	663	8,018	315	0
<i>PRTDADYR</i>	56	80,528	656	0	1,949	578	7,752	178	0
<i>PRTDADMO</i>	56	80,528	656	0	1,949	578	7,752	178	0
<i>PRTDADDA</i>	56	80,528	656	0	1,949	578	7,752	178	0
<i>FOSFAMST</i>	0	13,997	3,173	2,677	15,371	3,051	0	8,351	4,101
<i>FCCTK1YR</i>	0	1,498	3,351	0	12,307	2,471	0	5,533	2,529
<i>FCCTK2YR</i>	0	624	2,259	0	7,511	1,751	0	2,980	382
<i>RFCCTK1</i>	2,452	12,029	2,583	31,368	15,371	2,622	0	8,351	3,864
<i>HOFCTK1</i>	2,452	9,674	2,354	31,368	15,371	2,803	0	8,351	3,864
<i>RFCCTK2</i>	2,452	1,521	1,758	2,677	15,371	2,739	0	8,351	2,106
<i>HOFCTK2</i>	2,452	1,292	1,580	2,677	15,338	2,863	0	8,351	2,106
<i>DODFCYR</i>	1,091	24,662	4,778	7,866	3,710	1,083	9,781	2,173	911
<i>DODFCMO</i>	1,091	24,662	4,778	7,866	3,710	1,083	9,781	2,173	911
<i>DODFCDA</i>	1,091	24,662	4,778	7,866	3,710	1,083	9,781	2,173	911
<i>DODTRNYR</i>	0	16,235	4,803	0	5,294	1,083	9,763	2,173	911
<i>DODTRNMO</i>	0	16,235	4,803	0	5,294	1,083	9,763	2,173	911
<i>DODTRNDA</i>	0	16,235	4,803	0	5,294	1,083	9,763	2,173	911
<i>DISREASN</i>	2,452	145,608	2,946	32,801	15,178	1,005	7,769	8,342	868
<i>IVEFC</i>	0	148,323	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,296	63,186	8,351	4,389
<i>IVEAA</i>	0	15,265	11,881	32,801	15,371	2,296	1,201	8,351	4,389
<i>IVAAFDC</i>	0	15,265	11,969	0	15,371	2,296	1,201	8,351	4,389
<i>IVDCHSUP</i>	0	0	11,969	0	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
<i>XIXMEDCD</i>	0	15,265	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
<i>SSIOTHER</i>	0	15,265	11,881	32,801	15,371	3,342	63,186	8,351	4,389
<i>NOA</i>	0	15,265	11,969	32,801	15,371	2,296	63,186	8,351	4,389
<i>FCMNTPAY</i>	0	103,851	11,969	32,801	15,371	3,342	59,942	8,351	0

**1997 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
Maryland Through Washington**

	MD	MA	MT	NJ	NC	ND	OK	VT	WA
<i>No. of Records</i>	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
REPDATYR	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
REPDATMO	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
FIPSCODE	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
PEDREVYR	15,247	15,261	1,736	10,660	7,994	872	5,687	1,340	2,392
PEDREVMO	15,247	15,261	1,736	10,660	7,994	872	5,687	1,340	2,392
PEDREVDA	15,247	15,261	1,736	10,660	7,994	872	5,687	1,340	2,392
DOBYR	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,437	16,156	1,339	10,831	1,937	16,886
DOBMO	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,437	16,156	1,339	10,831	1,937	16,886
DOBWK	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,437	16,156	1,339	10,831	1,937	16,886
SEX	16,995	19,097	3,367	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,893
RACE	16,730	18,623	3,388	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,795	1,937	16,895
HISORGIN	16,883	18,623	3,388	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
CLINDIS	10,893	0	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
MR	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
VISHEAR	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
PHYDIS	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
DSMIII	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
OTHERMED	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
EVERADPT	17,021	67	3,392	13,438	7,525	1,339	9,636	1,937	16,895
AGEADOPT	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	7,525	1,339	10,837	0	16,895
REMIYR	17,021	19,281	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	9,558	1,937	16,892
REMIMO	17,021	19,281	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	9,558	1,937	16,892
REMIDA	17,021	19,281	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	9,558	1,937	16,892
TOTALREM	16,522	19,282	3,369	13,365	16,156	1,315	9,518	1,937	16,892
DLSTFCYR	3,232	3,698	667	3,321	577	371	759	410	4,214
DLSTFCMO	3,232	3,698	667	3,321	577	371	759	410	4,214
DLSTFCDA	3,232	3,698	667	3,321	577	371	759	410	4,214
LATREMYR	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,836	1,937	16,895
LATREMMO	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,836	1,937	16,895
LATREMDA	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,836	1,937	16,895
REMTRNYR	137	19,260	3,390	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,795	1,936	16,894
REMTRNMO	137	19,260	3,390	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,795	1,936	16,894
REMTRNDA	137	19,260	3,390	13,418	16,156	1,339	10,795	1,936	16,894
CURSETYR	16,966	18,963	3,392	13,136	10,404	1,255	10,837	1,937	16,846
CURSETMO	16,966	18,963	3,392	13,136	10,404	1,255	10,837	1,937	16,846
CURSETDA	16,966	18,963	3,392	13,136	10,404	1,255	10,837	1,937	16,846
NUMPLEP	17,005	19,032	3,392	13,141	589	1,245	10,837	1,937	16,799
MANREM	16,498	18,306	3,390	13,438	10,404	1,339	10,794	1,937	16,895
PHYABUSE	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	6,714	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
SEXABUSE	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
NEGLECT	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
AAPARENT	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
DAPARENT	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895

1997 Foster Care Variable Counts by State
Maryland Through Washington (cont.)

	MD	MA	MT	NJ	NC	ND	OK	VT	WA
<i>AACHILD</i>	137	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>DACHILD</i>	137	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>CHILDIS</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>CHBEHPRB</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>PRTSDIED</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>PRTSJAIL</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>NOCOPE</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>ABANDMNT</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>RELINQSH</i>	17,021	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>HOUSING</i>	137	1,038	3,390	13,438	8,025	1,194	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>CURPLSET</i>	16,832	18,313	3,392	12,902	16,156	1,255	10,837	1,937	16,833
<i>PLACEOUT</i>	17,021	19,264	3,392	12,902	13,777	1,255	10,837	1,937	16,848
<i>CASEGOAL</i>	17,021	19,255	3,389	13,438	16,156	1,158	9,632	1,937	16,895
<i>CTKFAMST</i>	3,194	18,244	3,392	13,424	7,308	1,339	10,795	1,937	16,895
<i>CTK1YR</i>	15,355	16,890	2,561	9,567	7,995	1,221	10,741	1,888	10,639
<i>CTK2YR</i>	2,051	10,645	1,231	1,941	7,640	332	4,786	912	4,641
<i>PRTMOMYR</i>	1,036	3,061	826	3,752	8,025	89	441	237	1,875
<i>PRTMOMMO</i>	1,036	3,061	826	3,752	8,025	89	441	237	1,875
<i>PRTMOMDA</i>	1,036	3,061	826	3,752	8,025	89	441	237	1,875
<i>PRTDADYR</i>	1,029	3,060	818	3,586	8,025	64	355	231	2,020
<i>PRTDADMO</i>	1,029	3,060	818	3,586	8,025	64	355	231	2,020
<i>PRTDADDA</i>	1,029	3,060	818	3,586	8,025	64	355	231	2,020
<i>FOSFAMST</i>	7,575	18,472	3,074	13,438	4,671	949	8,331	1,040	13,549
<i>FCCTK1YR</i>	7,592	12,069	2,306	8,900	7,666	696	5,782	407	9,335
<i>FCCTK2YR</i>	2,303	6,644	1,769	4,512	7,589	561	4,417	143	7,072
<i>RFCCTK1</i>	7,729	18,529	3,391	13,438	8,025	696	8,494	407	12,523
<i>HOFCTK1</i>	7,730	18,529	3,391	13,438	8,025	696	10,837	407	12,523
<i>RFCCTK2</i>	7,729	13,170	3,392	13,438	8,025	561	7,316	143	9,874
<i>HOFCTK2</i>	7,719	13,170	3,392	13,438	8,025	561	10,837	143	9,874
<i>DODFCYR</i>	3,767	4,475	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,996
<i>DODFCMO</i>	3,767	4,475	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,996
<i>DODFCDA</i>	3,767	4,475	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,996
<i>DODTRNYR</i>	61	4,449	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,995
<i>DODTRNMO</i>	61	4,449	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,995
<i>DODTRNDA</i>	61	4,449	1,627	5,218	4,862	521	4,705	632	6,995
<i>DISREASN</i>	16,043	19,253	3,156	13,438	5,130	475	9,624	1,856	16,894
<i>IVEFC</i>	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,251	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>IVEAA</i>	17,021	19,282	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,251	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>IVAAFDC</i>	137	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>IVDCHSUP</i>	137	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>XIXMEDCD</i>	15,494	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>SSIOTHER</i>	17,021	1,038	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>NOA</i>	16,805	19,282	3,392	13,438	8,025	1,310	10,837	1,937	16,895
<i>FCMNTPAY</i>	16,342	19,282	3,392	13,438	16,156	1,339	10,837	1,937	16,895

FIPS Codes Used in the 1997 Foster Care File

Below is a listing of the geographic Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes included in the 1997 v1 dataset. The regions listed had 1,000 or more records in the annual database. For regions with fewer than 1,000 records the FIPS code is not provided, and a value of 8 (*Not provided for reasons of confidentiality*) is assigned.

<u>FIPSCODE</u>	<u>Value</u>
8	Not provided for reasons of confidentiality
9	Missing
2020	Anchorage, AK
6001	Alameda, CA
6007	Butte, CA
6013	Contra Costa, CA
6019	Fresno, CA
6029	Kern, CA
6037	Los Angeles, CA
6059	Orange, CA
6065	Riverside, CA
6067	Sacramento, CA
6071	San Bernardino, CA
6073	San Diego, CA
6075	San Francisco, CA
6077	San Joaquin, CA
6081	San Mateo, CA
6085	Santa Clara, CA
6095	Solano, CA
6099	Stanislaus, CA
6107	Tulare, CA
6111	Ventura, CA
8001	Adams, CO
8005	Arapahoe, CO
8031	Denver, CO
8041	El Paso, CO
12011	Broward, FL
12025	Dade, FL
12031	Duval, FL
12033	Escambia, FL
12057	Hillsborough, FL
12095	Orange, FL
12099	Palm Beach, FL
12103	Pinellas, FL
12105	Polk, FL
13089	De Kalb, GA
13121	Fulton, GA
15003	Honolulu, HI

FIPS Codes Used in the 1997 Foster Care File (continued)

<u>FIPSCODE</u>	<u>Value</u>
17007	Boone, IL
17031	Cook, IL
17089	Kane, IL
17097	Lake, IL
17143	Peoria, IL
17163	St. Clair, IL
22071	Orleans, LA
24510	Baltimore city, MD
25005	Bristol, MA
25009	Essex, MA
25013	Hampden, MA
25015	Hampshire, MA
25017	Middlesex, MA
25023	Plymouth, MA
25025	Suffolk, MA
25027	Worcester, MA
34007	Camden, NJ
34013	Essex, NJ
34017	Hudson, NJ
37081	Guilford, NC
37119	Mecklenburg, NC
40109	Oklahoma, OK
40143	Tulsa, OK
53033	King, WA
53053	Pierce, WA
53061	Snohomish, WA
53063	Spokane, WA

1997 v1 State Footnotes

States are encouraged, but not required, to provide explanatory footnotes with each of their two submissions per fiscal year. The footnotes allow states to provide additional information they consider necessary for proper interpretation of their data. The footnotes may include such information as:

- general characteristics of the state's adoption and foster care system
- characteristics of the population, including whether certain types of placements are included
- state definitions that differ from federal AFCARS definitions.

Footnotes for the 1997 v1 versions of both the adoption and foster care data follow, sorted by state and element number. The submission period, either March (*03*) or September (*09*), is noted. General state footnotes that are not specific to an element or period are given an element number of *00*. The *A* or *F* preceding an element number identifies it as an adoption or foster care element, respectively.

NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 1997 v1 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the 1997 v1 AFCARS data.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Arkansas</i>	09	F24	Data is incomplete. This is due to not having all of our data converted to the new system. The incomplete data is to be converted in December 1997.
	09	F37	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F44	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F47	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F48	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F49	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F54	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F60	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F61	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F62	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F63	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F64	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F65	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	09	F66	Data is incomplete; see explanation for F24.
	<i>Florida</i>	03, 09	A03
03		A08	Effective January 17, 1996, state began capturing ethnicity for subjects of new abuse reports. This data is not yet available for all children in care or children adopted under the auspices of the state's child welfare agency.
03		A08	Cases with missing data were coded as <i>Unable to determine</i> . Beginning with AFCARS report period 4/1/97 through 9/30/97 cases with missing data will be categorized as missing and not coded as <i>Unable to determine</i> .
03		A10	Children meeting multiple criteria are counted according to the first which applies: disability, race, age, other.
03		A10	Children of mixed race, sibling groups, and some conditions or disabilities cannot be distinguished and are included in other; the special condition of emotional tie to foster parent is also coded other.
03		A10	Racial origin includes black children; age includes children eight and over; conditions and disabilities includes only those where the optional state diagnosis fields have been entered.
09		A10	Children meeting multiple criteria are counted according to the first which applies: disability, race, age, other.
09		A10	Racial origin includes black children; age includes

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Florida (cont.)</i>			children eight and over; conditions and disabilities includes only those where the optional state diagnosis fields have been entered.
	09	A10	Children of mixed race, sibling groups, and some conditions or disabilities cannot be distinguished and are included in other; the special condition of emotional tie to foster parent is also coded other.
	03, 09	A15	Based on state code for other developmental disability.
	03	A18	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than <i>Unable to determine</i> .
	09	A29	The Department of Children and Families is not involved in stepparent adoptions.
	03	A31	Relative and non-relative are not distinguished; includes all foster parent adoptions.
	03, 09	A35	Children recorded as receiving a subsidy are those entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client id number. CWVS vs. CIS non-match ids are recorded as non-subsidy.
	03	A36	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	09	A36	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	03, 09	A36	Most recent monthly amount paid for maintenance subsidy only.
	03	A37	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	09	A37	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchering system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	03, 09	A37	Coded yes if payment was made for maintenance subsidy - Title IV-E.
	03, 09	F00	State extracted case records based on actual dates in care.
	03, 09	F00	State's placement records for children in 'relative' home settings are selected based on the child's living arrangement at the date of extract since history is not available; these values could vary from those during the reporting period.
	03, 09	F03	Where the service area includes multiple counties, the child's residence county is used if among the counties

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Florida (cont.)</i>			served, else the home office county is used.
	03, 09	F04	A sequential number is created and stored in the state database for the child.
	03	F09	Effective January 17, 1996, state began capturing ethnicity for subjects of new abuse reports. This data is not yet available for all children in care.
	03	F09	Cases with missing data were coded as <i>Unable to determine</i> . Beginning with AFCARS report period 4/1/97 through 9/30/97 cases with missing data will be categorized as missing and not coded as <i>Unable to determine</i> .
	09	F09	Effective January 17, 1996, state began capturing ethnicity for subjects of new abuse reports. This data is not yet available for all children in care.
	03	F10	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than not yet determined.
	03, 09	F10	Entry in state diagnosis fields is optional and does not necessarily mean there has not been a diagnosis; therefore no entry is coded as missing (blank).
	03, 09	F15	Based on state code for other developmental disability.
	03	F16	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than <i>Unable to determine</i> .
	03	F17	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than <i>Unable to determine</i> .
	03	F25	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than not yet determined.
	03, 09	F28	Includes state codes for neglect and mental injury.
	03, 09	F34	Includes state codes for runaway, truancy and beyond control.
	03, 09	F37	Includes state code for other dependency; other dependency includes parent deceased or incarcerated which cannot be separated under F35 and F36.
	03	F41	Current information system does not capture trial home visits as a placement setting.
	03	F41	Relatives licensed as foster or shelter parents cannot be distinguished, therefore all family foster home settings are coded as non-relative.
09	F41	Current information system does not capture trial home visits as a placement setting.	
03, 09	F41	Delinquency, alcohol, drug abuse and mental health residential programs are coded as institutions because the majority would meet that definition although a few would	

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Florida (cont.)</i>			qualify as group homes; hospitals are coded as institutions.
	03, 09	F43	State's code for custody on a permanent basis to a foster parent is coded as long-term foster care; relative and non-relative care (short-term) and guardianship cannot be distinguished from reunification.
	03	F44	Effective report period ending 09/96, missing data is reflected as blanks rather than <i>Unable to determine</i> .
	03	F58	Placement with legal guardian (not a relative) cannot be distinguished from reunification with parents.
	09	F58	Placement with legal guardian (not a relative) cannot be distinguished from reunification with parents.
	09	F58	Placement with legal guardian (not a relative) cannot be distinguished from reunification with parents.
	03, 09	F58	Transfer to another agency includes juvenile justice, adult corrections, other State Department of Children and Families programs (not child welfare), private agencies and closure of interstate cases.
	03, 09	F59	This field is coded based on IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be IV-E.
	03, 09	F60	This field is coded based on IV-E eligibility of the child; if the placement is not eligible, payments will not be IV-E.
	03	F64	This field is coded based on SSI eligibility of the child.
	09	F64	This field is coded based on SSI eligibility of the child.
	03	F66	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchersing system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	09	F66	Includes only children entered in the child welfare vouchersing system (CWVS) and the client information system (CIS) with the same client identification number.
	03, 09	F66	Most recent monthly amount paid for maintenance only.
	<i>Hawaii</i>	03	A00
03		A00	This report is being submitted primarily for the purpose of testing the transmission after conversion. Our electronic data system is still being tested and revised and the extraction program needs to be more thoroughly analyzed and
09		A00	These data were extracted shortly after a system

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Hawaii (cont.)</i>			conversion and submitted primarily for transmission testing. Also, the state's information system and extraction programs are still being tested; exercise caution in using these data.
	03, 09	F00	These data were extracted shortly after a system conversion and submitted primarily for transmission testing. Also, the state's information system and extraction programs are still being tested; exercise caution in using these data.
	09	F06	Data includes children over the age of 18.
	09	F22	The same date of 01/07/97 appears because this is the conversion date of CPSS records to the new AFCARS format. Therefore, this date may not correspond with the date in element F21.
	09	F58	State's only reported death during this period was due to illness.
<i>Idaho</i>	03, 09	A00	No footnotes for foster care or adoptions.
	09	F00	Data were extracted these from an outdated (legacy) information system which is being replaced. Therefore, one should exercise caution in using this data.
<i>Illinois</i>	03, 09	F00	No footnotes for foster care or adoptions.
	03, 09	F41	State's <i>supervised independent living</i> can include college/university scholarship students and youths in the military. Youths in the military are generally a very small number.
	03, 09	F41	State indicated that it is very common, outside of Cook County, for children to return home without having their cases closed immediately; therefore, these children's placements are identified as <i>trial home visit(s)</i> .
	03, 09	F41	State has a specific living arrangement code that identifies a pre-adoptive home setting.
	03, 09	F41	State utilizes relative care as a first choice for child's living arrangement when applicable.
	03, 09	F56	Children can exit foster care for the following reasons; case is closed, child(ren) in <i>home of parent</i> >6 months, no legal status in place, child in <i>other</i> living arrangement-no provider id, and child in <i>unknown</i> living arrangement >30 days.
	03, 09	F58	A number of deaths in substitute care come from medically complex children taken into the system, substance exposed infants (SEI), and older child deaths attributable to accidents or gang related violence.
<i>Louisiana</i>	03	A00	Also, we have run conversions for fields in the foster care

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Louisiana</i> (<i>cont.</i>)			data. Some fields may not have data since they are new.
	03	A00	This submission does not contain adoption information. We are working on this. The foster care data is complete for our department, but we are missing Dept. of Corrections data for this submission.
<i>Massachusetts</i>	03	A00	State's data represents adoptions finalized during the first 4 months of the AFCARS report period (10/1/96 - 3/31/97). Adoptions finalized during the last 2 months of the period are reported in the subsequent report period.
	09	A00	Adoptions occurring in the last 60 days of the report period will be reported in the submission for the following period.
	09	A00	Non-state agency adoptions are not included.
	09	A00	State's data represents adoptions finalized during the first 4 months of the AFCARS report period (4/1/97 - 9/30/97). Adoptions finalized during the last 2 months of the period are reported in the subsequent report period.
	03, 09	A03	Record number is encrypted state child identifiers.
	09	A07	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as <i>5-unable to determine</i> on A07 and <i>1-yes</i> on A08.
	03, 09	A08	Children identified as Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, or other Hispanic were coded as <i>unable to determine</i> for AFCARS adoption data element A07 (race) and coded <i>yes</i> for AFCARS A08 (Hispanic origin).
	03, 09	A09	Special needs data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A10	Special needs data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A11	Mental retardation data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A12	Visual or hearing impaired data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A13	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A14	Emotionally disturbed data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A15	Other medical data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	A18	Mother married at time of child's birth not collected.
	03, 09	A19	Separate data on mother's and father's termination of parental rights data not collected, we will use our parent's rights terminated data for both mother & father.
	03, 09	A20	Separate data on mother's and father's termination of parental rights data not collected, we will use our parent's rights terminated data for both mother & father.
	03, 09	A25	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as <i>5-unable to determine</i> on A25 and <i>1-yes</i> on A26.
	03, 09	A27	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Massachusetts</i> (cont.)			<i>5-unable to determine</i> on A27 and <i>1-yes</i> on A28.
	03, 09	A29	Stepparent data not collected.
	03, 09	A34	Placed by is always public agency.
	03, 09	A36	Amount of subsidy not available.
	03, 09	A37	Title IV-E adoption assistance data not available.
	09	F00	Multi-racial not tracked.
	09	F00	Population being reported does not include cases in juvenile justice system.
	09	F00	Reported population includes children with mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities but not as their primary problem.
	09	F00	Temporary method of extraction used (based on actual dates in care).
	09	F00	There should be no duplication in reported cases.
	03, 09	F00	State extracted data using a temporary method based on child's actual dates in care.
	03, 09	F00	State's foster care population does not include any children in the juvenile justice system.
	03, 09	F04	Record numbers are encrypted state child identifiers.
	09	F08	Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as <i>5-unable to determine</i> on F08 and <i>1-yes</i> on F09.
	03, 09	F09	Children identified as Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic were coded as <i>unable to determine</i> for AFCARS foster care data element F08 (race) and coded <i>yes</i> for AFCARS F09 (Hispanic origin).
	03, 09	F10	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F11	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F12	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F13	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F14	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F15	State disability data too unreliable to use.
	03, 09	F16	Child ever adopted data not collected.
	03, 09	F17	Age of child at prior adoption not collected.
	03, 09	F26	Physical abuse data not collected.
	03, 09	F27	Sexual abuse data not collected.
	03, 09	F28	Neglect data not collected.
	03, 09	F29	Alcohol abuse (parent) data not collected.
	03, 09	F30	Drug abuse (parent) data not collected.
	03, 09	F31	Alcohol abuse (child) data not collected.
	03, 09	F32	Drug abuse (child) data not collected.
	03, 09	F33	State disability data too unreliable to use.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Massachusetts (cont.)</i>	03, 09	F34	Child's behavior problem data not collected.
	03, 09	F35	Death of parent(s) data not collected.
	03, 09	F36	Incarceration of parent(s) data not collected.
	03, 09	F37	Caretaker's inability to cope data not collected.
	03, 09	F38	Abandonment data not collected.
	03, 09	F39	Relinquishment data not collected.
	03, 09	F40	Inadequate housing data not collected.
	03, 09	F41	Family foster homes (relative) include blood relatives and 'kinship' relationships - persons significantly attached to a child's family with the same intensity as a blood relative.
	03, 09	F41	The Department of Social Services (DSS) area offices are licensed by the state's Office for Children to 'qualify' foster homes. Foster home licensing and qualifying standards are the same. This process is to be revised in 1998.
	09	F41	DSS area offices are licensed by MA's Office for Children to 'qualify' foster homes. The qualification of a foster home requires the same standards as the licensing of a foster home-a homestudy and a background records check.
	09	F41	DSS plans to revise this process into a bi-annual foster home license, and annual foster home re-evaluation in 1998.
	09	F41	Relative foster homes include blood relatives and 'kinship' relationships - persons significantly attached to a child's family with the same intensity as a blood relative.
	03, 09	F47	Separate data on mother's and father's termination of parental rights data not collected, we will use our parent's rights terminated data for both mother & father.
	03, 09	F48	Separate data on mother's and father's termination of parental rights data not collected, we will use our parent's rights terminated data for both mother & father.
	03, 09	F52	Race (1st foster caretaker) - Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as <i>5-unable to determine</i> on F52 and as <i>1-yes</i> on F53.
	03, 09	F54	Race (2nd foster caretaker) – Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, other Hispanic coded as <i>5-unable to determine</i> on F54 and as <i>1-yes</i> on F55.
03, 09	F60	Title IV-E adoption subsidy only claimed after child's	

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Massachusetts</i> (cont.)			adoption is legalized.
	03, 09	F61	AFDC status of children not collected.
	03, 09	F62	Child support status of children not collected.
	03, 09	F63	Medicaid eligibility of children not collected.
	03, 09	F64	SSI or other federal benefit data not collected.
<i>Minnesota</i>	03	F00	MN's data for this 03/97 transmission are from the 2nd half of calendar year 1996 (for foster care only), rather than the AFCARS requested reporting period.
	03	F05	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the date of the most recent periodic review.
	03	F16	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on whether a child was 'ever adopted'.
	03	F17	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the age at which a child was 'ever adopted'.
	03	F18	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the date of the first removal.
	03	F19	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the total number of removals to date.
	03	F22	MN's current foster care data system is not able to collect data on the removal transaction date.
	03	F29	MN's current foster care data system collects data on parental substance abuse without splitting it into drug and alcohol.
	03	F30	All instances of substance abuse were mapped into AFCARS alcohol abuse since alcohol is by far the most prevalent type of substance abuse noted.
	03	F31	MN's current foster care data system collects data on child substance abuse without splitting it into drug and alcohol.
	03	F32	All instances of substance abuse were mapped into AFCARS alcohol abuse since alcohol is by far the most prevalent type of substance abuse noted.
	03	F41	The number of MN children who enter and exit institutions appears disproportionately high due to shelter care in institutional settings.
	03	F44	MN's current foster care data system cannot report family structure in the AFCARS schema.
	03	F45	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on caretakers' dates of birth.
	03	F46	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on caretakers' dates of birth.
03	F49	MN's current foster care data system cannot report family	

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Minnesota</i> (cont.)			structure in the AFCARS schema.
	03	F50	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on foster parents' years of birth.
	03	F51	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on foster parents' years of birth.
	03	F57	MN's current foster care data system is not able to collect data on the discharge transaction date.
	03	F60	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F60	In MN IV-E adoption support is only received by children whose adoptions are finalized, so they are in the adoptions file, not foster care.
	03	F61	In MN no child who receives IV-E foster or adoptive care would be simultaneously eligible for IV-A.
	03	F61	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F62	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F63	In MN, all children who receive any type of IV-E are automatically eligible for Title XIX MA.
	03	F63	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F64	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F65	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on federal financial support types other than IV-E foster care.
	03	F66	MN's current foster care data system does not collect data on the amount of monthly subsidy.
<i>Montana</i>	09	F00	This is a general foster care footnote.
	09	F23	This footnote is for foster care element F23.
<i>New Mexico</i>	09	A00	217 adoptions are being reported and estimates are that there were less finalized during the reporting period ending 3/31/96.
	09	A00	NM implemented a computer system in 1984 for tracking adoption and foster care clients. Historical data is

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New Mexico</i> (cont.)			available beginning more than ten years ago for adoption data elements that map directly to AFCARS definitions.
	09	A00	NM will be implementing a new tracking system called facts in October 1997.
	09	A00	NM's adoption file has duplicate adoptions that were finalized in previous reporting periods. This error was procedural in nature and procedures will be corrected before the next reporting period.
	09	A00	NM's automated system does not track birth parent information for adoption services. This data is only in manual systems. The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added October 1997.
	09	A00	NM's automated system does not track private adoption subsidy payments. The data is in manual systems. Functionality for one-time private adoption subsidy payments will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	A03	A unique encrypted number is assigned to each child; this unique number will follow the child as long as he or she is in foster care.
	09	A04	The state automated system only tracks Title IV-B/IV-E agency adoptions. Private adoption data is handled manually. Procedures would need to be modified to collect and store private adoption data in the automated system.
	09	A05	The automated system requires child's date of birth.
	03	A07	State's current system will not record race if a child is identified as being of <i>Hispanic origin</i> . The ability to record both <i>race</i> and <i>Hispanic origin</i> together will be instituted in July 1997.
	09	A07	If <i>Hispanic origin</i> is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for race will be added October 1997.
	03	A09	NM special needs data does not map directly to AFCARS definitions. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	A09	NM special needs data does not map directly to AFCARS definitions. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03	A10	NM special needs data does not map directly to AFCARS definitions. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	A10	NM special needs data does not map directly to AFCARS definitions. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03	A11	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Data elements A11 - A15 will be added July 1997.
	09	A11	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Data elements A11 - A15 will be added October 1997.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New Mexico</i> (cont.)	03	A16	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added July 1997.
	09	A16	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added October 1997.
	03	A17	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added July 1997.
	09	A17	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added October 1997.
	03	A18	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added July 1997.
	09	A18	The functionality and data elements to track birth parent data will be added October 1997.
	03	A22	Family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	A22	Family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	A23	If adoptive mother date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
	03, 09	A24	If adoptive father date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
	03	A25	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not collected. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added July 1997.
	09	A25	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not collected. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added October 1997.
	03	A27	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not collected. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added July 1997.
	09	A27	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not collected. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	A29	Stepparent adoption data are not collected or stored in the state information system. These are all done through private attorneys.
	03, 09	A33	The value for <i>placed from</i> will always be equal to <i>1 - child was placed from within the state</i> . If the child was placed from another state, that state is finalizing adoption proceedings and will have reporting responsibility.
	03	A34	Data for <i>child placed by</i> is not collected. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	A34	Data for <i>child placed by</i> is not collected. Data element will be added October 1997.
	09	A35	Private adoptions receiving a one-time adoption subsidy

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New Mexico (cont.)</i>			payment are not included. Functionality to collect these payments will be added October 1997.
	03	F00	AFCARS data elements F18 - F22 and F56 – F58 do not map directly to AFCARS definitions. A new data structure will be added July 1997; this will facilitate training social workers to collect data from a foster care episode perspective.
	03	F00	NM implemented a computer system in 1984 for tracking adoption and foster care clients. Historical data is available beginning more than ten years ago for foster care data that map directly to AFCARS definitions.
	03	F00	NM will be implementing a new tracking system called FACTS in July 1997.
	09	F00	AFCARS data elements F18 - F22 and F56 – F58 do not map directly to AFCARS definitions. A new data structure will be added October 1997; this will facilitate training social workers to collect data from a foster care episode perspective.
	09	F00	NM implemented a computer system in 1984 for tracking adoption and foster care clients. Historical data is available beginning more than ten years ago for foster care data that map directly to AFCARS definitions.
	09	F00	NM will be implementing a new tracking system called FACTS in October 1997.
	03, 09	F00	A complex computer program was developed to approximate the data corresponding with the foster care episode definition. Data structure issues and data integrity exceptions are not yet fully resolved.
	03, 09	F00	NM does not specifically collect data for a 'foster care episode.' Data is collected for service planning, with placement and termination dates.
	03, 09	F04	A unique encrypted number is assigned to each child; this unique number will follow the child as long as he or she is in foster care.
	03, 09	F05	Procedurally, social workers submit paperwork at the end of each month to the data entry operator. Events continue to occur, such as a citizen review board, or internal review. System updates do not occur as events occur.
	03, 09	F05	A date in this field does not certify the child's computer record is current up to this date. Procedurally, it is not realistic to certify the child's computer record is current at the same time a 'review date' is entered into the system.
	03, 09	F06	The automated system requires child's date of birth.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New Mexico (cont.)</i>	03	F08	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added July 1997.
	09	F08	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for 2nd ethnicity will be added October 1997.
	03	F10	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Data elements F10 – F15 will be added July 1997.
	09	F10	Data for clinical diagnosis of disability is not collected. Data elements F10 - F15 will be added October 1997.
	03	F16	Previous adoption data is not collected. Data elements F16 – F17 will be added July 1997.
	09	F16	Previous adoption data is not collected. Data elements F16 – F17 will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	F18	Date of removal from home is not collected. Date of first placement is used.
	03, 09	F19	Total number of removals from home is estimated based on the current system data structure. A complex program approximates the number of foster care episodes, and then estimates the total removals from home. Data conversion issues remain.
	03, 09	F20	Discharge date is approximated from two data elements that do not map directly. Depending on circumstances, placement termination date or loss of custody date is used.
	03, 09	F21	Latest removal from home is approximated from placement date, when beginning of foster care episode is determined.
	03	F22	Removal transaction date is not collected. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	F22	Removal transaction date is not collected. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03	F26	Condition associated with a child's removal from home is not collected. Data elements F26 - F40 will be added July 1997.
	09	F26	Condition associated with a child's removal from home is not collected. Data elements F26 - F40 will be added October 1997.
	03	F44	Caretaker family structure data not collected. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	F44	Caretaker family structure data not collected. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	F45	If the caretaker date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New Mexico</i> (cont.)	03, 09	F46	If the caretaker date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
	03	F49	Foster family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	F49	Foster family structure data is not collected. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	F50	If the caretaker date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
	03, 09	F51	If the caretaker date of birth is not known, an estimated birth date is not entered.
	03	F52	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for race will be added July 1997.
	09	F52	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for race will be added October 1997.
	03	F54	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for race will be added July 1997.
	09	F54	If Hispanic origin is <i>yes</i> , then race data is not available. Data element for race will be added October 1997.
	03, 09	F56	Discharge date is approximated from two data elements that do not map directly. Depending on circumstances, placement termination date or loss of custody date is used.
	03	F61	AFDC payment data not available in the computer system. Data element will be added July 1997.
	09	F61	AFDC payment data not available in the computer system. Data element will be added October 1997.
	03	F62	Child support data not available in the current system. An interface is required to capture this data from another system. Funding to develop this interface not yet determined. Projected July 1997.
	09	F62	Child support data not available in the current system. An interface is required to capture this data from another system. Funding to develop this interface not yet determined. Projected October 1997.
	<i>New York</i>	09	A07
09		F00	Data does not include any children in the juvenile justice system.
09		F09	Current information system (new system under development) does not require entry of ethnicity information. Category <i>unknown/unable to determine</i>

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>New York (cont.)</i>	09	F41	includes <i>inter-racial other</i> and <i>other</i> . <i>Trial home visit</i> and <i>runaway</i> do not represent terminal discharge status for children exiting care.
	09	F43	State does not identify <i>live with other relatives</i> and <i>long term foster care</i> as case goals for children in substitute care. <i>Reunify with parents/caretakers</i> includes <i>live with other relatives</i> .
	09	F43	<i>Case plan goal not yet established</i> includes children with state goals of <i>prevent placement, prevent return to placement, and protect child</i> .
	09	F58	Discharges to relatives are included under <i>reunification</i> and <i>guardianship</i> includes children with who had a case goal of <i>adult custodial care</i> .
<i>North Carolina Oklahoma</i>	09		First submission of data for the period of 4/97 - 9/97.
	09		This submission includes 1140 records of data from the Office of Juvenile Affairs for the first time.
	09		Office of Juvenile Affairs data has defaulted sources of federal funding to element 65, none of the above, for this reporting period; data for elements 59 through 64 will be provided for future reporting periods.
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	09	A05	State indicated that children adopted under the auspices of the state child welfare agency, who are over the age of 18, are generally finishing school as is the case with this report period's data submission.
	09	F00	An estimated 10% to 15% of the state's foster care population includes children in the juvenile justice system.
	09	F00	Data represents 55 of the state's 67 counties and includes a complete submission from Philadelphia county.
	03	F05	Dauphin (043) county has eight (8) records with possible inconsistency errors because the children were discharged four to six months after their last review and prior to their next review.
	03	F05	Philadelphia (101) county was unable to supply review dates for this transmission because they were changing their method of tracking case review.
	03	F06	Dauphin (043) county has a child who is 9 years old and the date of birth of the caretaker is 15 years old.
	03	F06	Berks (011) county has multiple children who are over 18 years old in placement.
	09	F22	Majority of timeliness errors were caused by data conversion from manual system.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>Pennsylvania</i> <i>(cont.)</i>	09	F45	The inconsistency errors found in conjunction with the child's DOB are not errors. The dates of the caretaker are correct.
	09	F46	The inconsistency errors found in conjunction with the child's DOB are not errors. The dates of the caretaker are correct.
	09	F57	Majority of timeliness errors were caused by data conversion from manual system.
	03	F58	Eleven (11) deaths are reported: natural causes (9), homicide by foster parents (1), and accidental (1).
	09	F58	State reported a total of 8 deaths as reason for discharge from care which were due to accidents (3), natural causes (4), and suicide (1).
	03	F66	Berks (011) county has children in free foster care. The *dqu warning of <i>n</i> appears on many legitimate free placements and runaways.
<i>Rhode Island</i>	03	A08	State records <i>Hispanic</i> as a racial category and reports this as AFCARS adoption data element A08 (<i>Hispanic origin</i>) leaving adoption data element A07 (<i>race</i>) blank.
	03	A12	RI includes speech impairments with visually and or hearing impaired as one group.
	03	A16	RI does not keep record of this information.
	03	A17	RI does not keep record of this information.
	03	A18	RI does not keep record of this information.
	03	A19	RI has this information in most cases exceptions are where adoptive parental rights may have also been terminated as this information would overwrite original dates of termination of rights.
	03	A20	RI has this information in most cases exceptions are where adoptive parental rights may have also been terminated as this information would overwrite original dates of termination of rights.
	03	A25	RI records <i>Hispanic</i> as a racial category and reports this in a26. Thus our totals in racial groups are missing these persons and may not be accurate in cross state comparisons.
	03	A26	RI records <i>Hispanic</i> as a selection under race. Our numbers reflect only cases where race was indicated as Hispanic.
	03	A27	RI records <i>Hispanic</i> as a racial category and reports this in a08. Thus our totals in racial groups are missing these persons and may not be accurate in cross state comparisons.

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<i>Rhode Island</i> (cont.)	03	A28	RI records <i>Hispanic</i> as a selection under race. Our numbers reflect only cases where race was indicated as Hispanic.
	03	A29	RI does not collect this data.
	03	A30	RI does not collect this data.
	03	A31	RI does not collect this data.
	03	A32	RI does not collect this data.
	03	A34	RI records only those adoptions placed by public agency.
	03	F03	RI currently has one central office from where all placements are made this being providence.
	03	F09	State records "Hispanic" as a racial category and reports this as AFCARS foster care data element 9 (Hispanic origin) leaving foster care data element 8 (race) blank.
	03	F12	RI includes speech impaired in this disability group.
	03	F22	RI did not record transaction dates prior to 1992. For these events prior to 1992 we are using event dates.
	03	F24	RI can only record changes in address as placement change, thus our events will currently include changes in address while placed with the same caretaker.
	03	F26	RI collects data on abuse/neglect but does not break it down into type of abuse/neglect. Number reflects cases where removal was associated with abuse/neglect.
	03	F27	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F28	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F29	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F30	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F31	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F32	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F33	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F34	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
03	F35	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.	
03	F36	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.	

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
Rhode Island <i>(cont.)</i>	03	F37	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F38	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F39	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see F26.
	03	F40	RI does not have this breakdown of information available; see f26.
	03	F41	State's 'group homes' can be licensed for up to 12 children and in some cases may have less than 7 children.
	03	F43	State does not allow 'adoption' as a case plan goal until parental rights are terminated.
	03	F43	State does not assign a case plan goal for cases open less than 6 months.
	03	F44	RI is including as single those that we categorizes as separated.
	03	F45	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F46	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F49	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F50	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F51	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F52	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F53	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F54	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F55	RI does not collect this data.
	03	F57	RI did not record transaction dates prior to 1992. For these events prior to 1992 we are using event dates.
	03	F62	RI D.C.Y.F. does not record this information. Funds are distributed by another agency and information cannot be integrated in D.C.Y.F. records.
	South Carolina	03	F00
09		F00	Adoption data is maintained on a personal computer system that is not currently linked to the other systems.
09		F00	Some foster care data is maintained on six separate systems. Data is currently being reported from two separate systems. Five of these systems are linked.
03, 09		F04	This data element is encrypted.
03		F08	State's current information system only accommodates three racial categories: <i>black</i> , <i>white</i> , and <i>other</i> .
	09	F08	The system can report on three options for race: <i>black</i> ,

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<u>State</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
<i>South Carolina (cont.)</i>			<i>white, and other.</i>
	03, 09	F19	Child's disability: entry of data into this field in current system does not require a diagnosis, but is the caseworker's opinion.
	03, 09	F26	The current system reports on physical abuse and sexual abuse combined.
	03, 09	F27	The current system reports on physical abuse and sexual abuse combined.
	03, 09	F29	The current system does not differentiate among types of substance abuse.
	03, 09	F30	The current system does not differentiate among types of substance abuse.
	03	F41	State's licensing database identifies private providers of family foster care (FFC) as 'child placing agencies' which are categorized as institutions; therefore, a percentage of those children identified as being in 'institutions' are in FFC.
	03	F41	In some cases the state's information system does not differentiate <i>family foster home (relative)</i> from <i>family foster home (non-relative)</i> ; therefore, data related to these categories may not be reliable.
	03	F41	In some cases, information provided by the state's licensing database does not differentiate <i>group homes</i> from <i>institutions</i> ; therefore, data related to these categories may not be reliable.
	09	F41	In some instances, the licensing database does not differentiate group home from institutional placements.
	09	F41	Relative placements cannot be differentiated from foster family care in some instances.
	09	F41	Private providers of foster family care are considered child-placing agencies which are designated as <i>institutions</i> on the licensing database.
	03	F43	State's current information system posts the case plan goal as determined by the child's caseworker which may not be the same case plan goal as recommended during the child's most recent case review.
	09	F43	The current system posts the permanent plan as determined by the caseworker; it may or may not be the plan recommended at an administrative (foster care review board) or judicial review.
	03	F58	State's current information system does not accommodate <i>guardianship</i> or <i>transfer to another agency</i> as reasons for

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<i>South Carolina</i> (cont.)			<i>discharge from foster care.</i>
	09	F58	The current system does not capture AFCARS codes 5 (<i>guardianship</i>) and 6 (<i>transfer to another agency</i>).
<i>Tennessee</i>	03, 09	A16	One agency computer system has data element, but that agency does not
	03, 09	A17	One agency computer system has data element, but that agency does not
	03	F00	Cannot determine Hispanic culture w/100% accuracy, due to TN data
	09	F00	Cannot determine Hispanic culture w/100% accuracy, due to TN data
	03, 09	F00	Record numbers in data set are sequential. TN uses adoption
	03, 09	F00	TN uses temporary method of extraction for records. We have no
	03, 09	F00	TN is attempting to match data from 3 computer systems in 3
	03, 09	F16	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F17	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F22	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F25	Manner removal home(computer systems original order can be over-
	03, 09	F29	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F30	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F31	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F32	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03	F40	This data element is currently not being captured.
	09	F40	This data element is currently not being captured.
	03, 09	F57	This data element is currently not being captured.
<i>Vermont</i>	03, 09		Comment today

Data Considerations

Examination of the ratio of foster care entries to discharges in California and Maine reveals an undercount of discharges for fiscal year 1997. Consequently users should consider deleting the data from these states when conducting analyses involving foster care discharges.